INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN SCHOOLS: THE U.S. EXPERIENCE

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THE PERSONAL COMPUTER

With the development of the personal computer, the use of information technology in schools expanded in the early 1980s
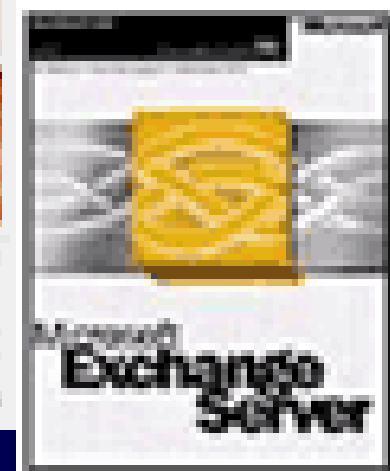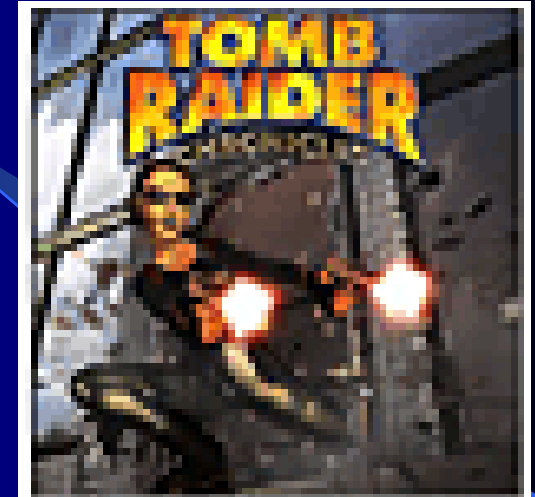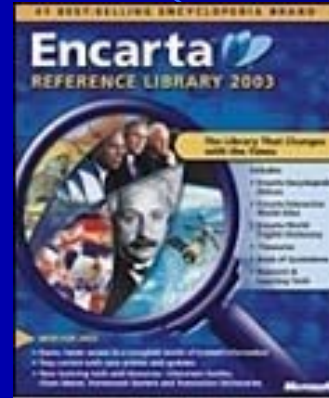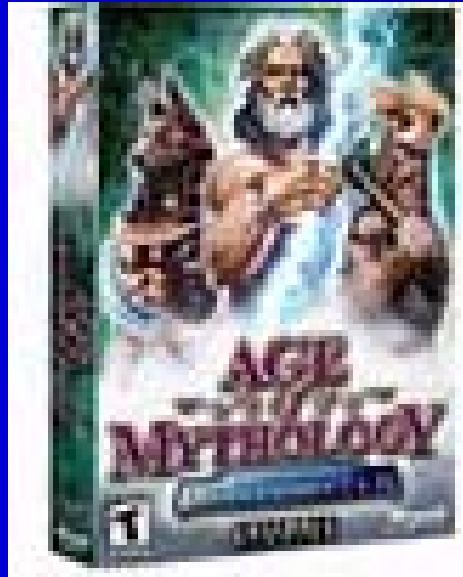
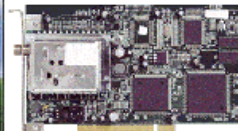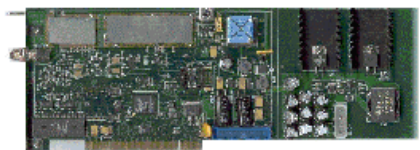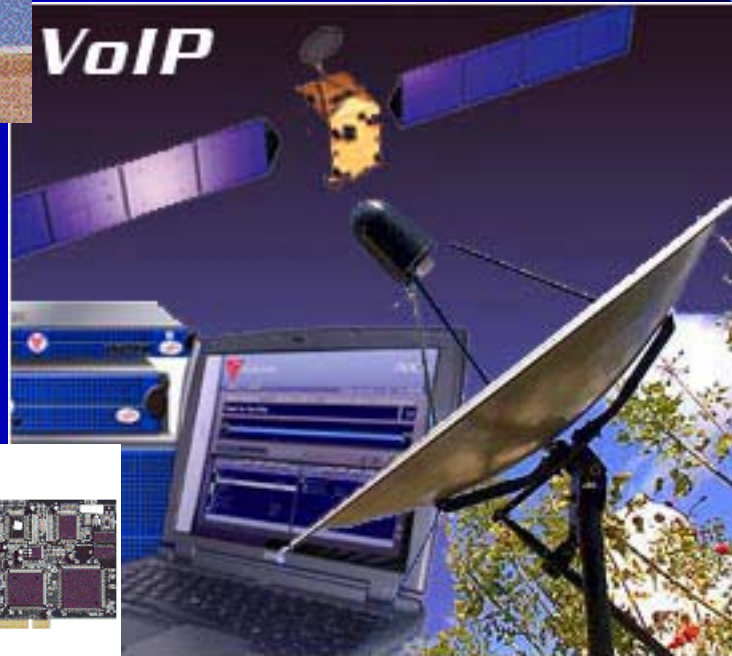# Distance Learning

Distance Learning allowed classes to be given by remote teachers via two-way audio and video

Introduction of Computer Software
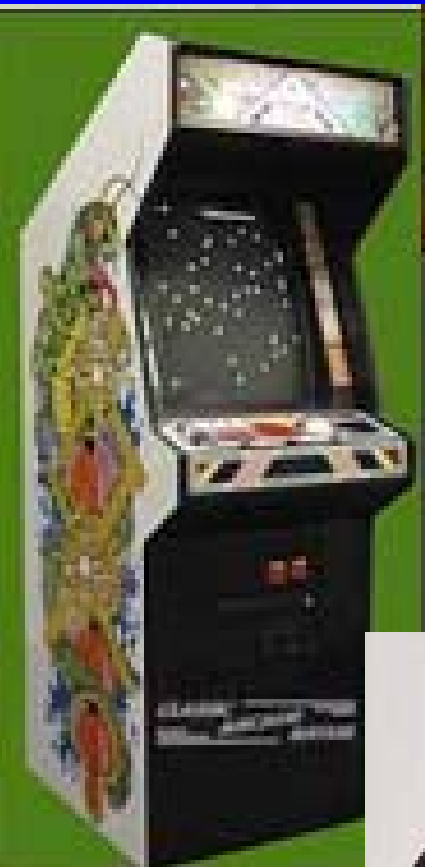
Information Super-Highway

The 1990s brought in one of the most revolutionary forms of technology the Information Superhighway, also known as the Internet.

Information Technology In the Classroom

Education Technology Literacy Challenge (ETLC)

In 1994, the U.S. government unveiled the ETLC. Its goals included:

- To connect every classroom to the Internet

- Expand access to modern multimedia computers

- To make engaging educational software as an integral part of the curriculum

- Assist teachers to effectively integrate technology into their classrooms

- Establish the Education Rate Program making internet services available to schools and libraries